

WESTFORD HISTORICAL COMMISSION

8/18/04

PRESENT: Ken Tebbetts, Stacey Perron, Jane Hinckley, Bob Oliphant, Phil Gilbert, Roberta McGuire

The meeting was called to order at 7:06 PM.

Open Forum-

Ken got an e-mail from Elizabeth Layne regarding the progress on the Westford Knight cover. Mary Silva has raised money and has a donor for a slate roof. Ken will contact Mary Cales, Bill Collins, and Virginia Kimball and have the Westford Knight Committee assume the project.

Stacey will contact "History Detectives" a PBS tv show to see if they would have any interest in the Westford Knight.

The Open House at Brookside Mills was very nice- only three condos are available for purchase. Ken reminded Jerry Boucher about the cottage porch renovation.

Secretary's Report-

Bob moved to accept the minutes from 7/21/04, with Phil seconding. Roberta abstained, as she was not present. All others voted to accept the minutes.

Treasurer's Report-

Tabled until next month.

Roof Estimates-

Estimates were reviewed from D/S Roofing, Superior, and Express Roofing.

Bob moved to accept the D/S Roofing estimate of \$8,000, with Phil

seconding. The color chosen was Pewter Gray. The motion passed unanimously. Ken will speak with Suzanne Marchand regarding the financing, and will notify Stacey, so she can notify D/S Roofing.

New Business-

A reminder that the hearing on the applications to the National Historical Register for Fairview and West Cemeteries will be heard Sept. 8 at 1PM at the Mass. Archives Building. Ken plans to attend.

Bob has been asked to write an article on Westford history for the Sept. 18th issue of the Eagle,

There will be a preservation conference in Salem Sept. 10th.

Preservation Plan-

There are no new updates, as Roberta's hard drive crashed. The work done previously was able to be recovered.

The format for prioritizing the building inventory must still be decided.

Ken will ask Ingrid Nielson (Planning Board) how preservation was handled from 1995 to the present.

Volunteers from the Historical Society are typing the assessors cards that will be put into the Museum data base. This will help with our inventory.

Preservation of the Town Farm was discussed. Care and custody of the building is with the school department.

We would like to recruit an architect for the Historical Commission- this would help with our inventory and preservation criteria.

Ken will talk with Sarah Duffy (manager of Enterprise Bank) about supporting historic preservation in town. Possibly a preferred interest rate for owners of historic properties. Ken will also speak with Suzanne marchand about town banking.

Ken would like us to submit an article for the Sept. 18th issue of the Eagle. The topic suggested was all of the villages and cemeteries that we have put on the National Historical Register. He will contact them to see if space is available.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Stacey M. Perron
Secretary